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BEM/DWS OPERATIONS MEMO

No: 05-17 Corrected 5/17/05

DATE: 05/17/2005

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PRIORITY: HIGH

SUBJECT: Spousal Impoverishment Income Allowances

CROSS REFERENCE: MEH 5.10.6, Operations Memo 05-10

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

PURPOSE

This memo provides local agencies with the 2005 Income Allowance for the Community Spouse Income Allowance and the Spousal Impoverishment Family Member Income Allowance. Below are updated tables, effective dates and cross references for these programs.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Health and Family Services (DHHS) has published its annual update of the Poverty Income Guidelines (a.k.a., Federal Poverty Level, or FPL) in the Federal Register. These guidelines are available at the following website:
<http://aspe.dhhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml> . Income limits and other amounts used in eligibility determinations for some categories of Medicaid (MA) are based upon the FPL. This increase in the federal FPL will result in changes to the MA income limits as specified in this Operations Memo.

POLICY

The spousal Impoverishment Community Spouse Income Allowance minimum allocation, Shelter Base Amount, and Spousal Impoverishment Family Member Income Allowance will increase effective July 1, 2005.

CARES

CARES eligibility re-determinations will occur as part of a mass change on the weekend of **June 4, 2005** affecting the July benefit month. CARES table TMEP will be updated with the new limits.

SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT COMMUNITY SPOUSE INCOME ALLOWANCE

Effective: **07/01/2005**
Cross Reference: MEH 5.10.6

ITEM	Old Amount Effective until 07/01/2005	Amount Effective 07/01/05
Minimum Allocation	\$2,081.67	\$2,138.33
Shelter Base Amount	\$624.50	\$641.50

SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT FAMILY MEMBER INCOME ALLOWANCE

Effective: **07/01/2005**
Cross Reference: MEH 5.10.6.

Group Size	Old Amount Effective until 07/01/2005	Amount Effective 07/01/05
Each eligible family member	\$ 520.42	\$534.58

CONTACTS

BEM CARES Information & Problem Resolution Center

★Program Categories – FS – Food Stamps, MA – Medicaid, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – Food Stamp Employment and Training, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WtW – Welfare to Work, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.